

## Lomita Chamber Moves Into New Home on April 1

The Lomita Chamber of Commerce will open a new office "in the center of Lomita" at 24814 Narbonne Ave., on April 1. President Warren Low told the group at its last meeting.

In other activities at the meeting Glen Knott of the Tel-A-Key Directory Publishing Co. presented his program to pub-

lish a directory for Lomita. The board tabled his proposition until such time as the two newspapers in town could be contacted and offered the opportunity to compete.

**Airport Hazards**  
Vincent Lichner appeared before the board to complain about the low flying and hazards of the Torrance Airport.

After much discussion the president appointed a committee to investigate the conditions and the method by which the Chamber could serve. On the committee are: chairman, Werner Benson, and members, George Larson and Hanley Rogers.

No conflict was found in making the usual donation to

the Senior Party Fund of the Narbonne High School. They ordered \$25 to be sent immediately to help in the January or spring party and \$25 to be sent for the June or summer party.

**Lodge Slings**  
At the regular meeting of the Chamber at The Wayfarer's Restaurant, the Trio Lodge of the Rebekah sent an unusual song group for entertainment. The sextette consisted of Mrs. Zella Butterfield, Mrs. Hallie Parbois, Edith

Merriott (the whistler), Edith Bench, Mildred Taylor, leader, and Mable Quinn, accompanist. They sang several numbers and led the membership in community singing with a "Happy Birthday" to Kenny Gibson, the secretary-manager, and at the same time gave him a birthday cake with one candle.

**FIRST APPEARANCE**  
First railway dining car made its appearance in the U. S. in 1868.

## L. A. Schools Do Teach Fundamentals—Jarvis

The curriculum of the Los Angeles City Schools was reviewed before the City Board of Education last week by Superintendent of Schools Ellis A. Jarvis in answer to recent reports that school offerings did not contain the necessary fundamentals.

In the junior and senior high schools, the basic minimum subjects required for all pupils is as follows—12 semesters of physical education, 10 semesters of English, nine semesters of science, three semesters of practical arts, two semesters of fine arts, 10 weeks of drive education, and a major consisting of at least six semesters of work in senior high school within a selected subject field.

In addition, because approximately 50 per cent of all Los Angeles City senior high school students are enrolled in college preparatory curricula, they are required to take the following basic subjects—three semesters of United States history and government, six semesters of English, four semesters of mathematics (including algebra and geometry), two semesters of a selected college preparatory laboratory science, four semesters of foreign language, and a major course of study of at least three full semesters in either science, mathematics, or foreign language.

Los Angeles' elementary schools present a curriculum to all students containing 19 required subjects—16 of them required by the State's Education Code—and the system's junior and senior high schools list many more subjects than those prescribed by the State Education Code, Jarvis said.

**Courses Required**  
In reporting to the School Board, Jarvis pointed out that State law requires only three courses in high school—physical education, American Constitution and history, and driver education.

Subjects Set  
Jarvis also announced that a specially named Committee on Graduation Requirements and Curricula is now carrying on a comprehensive study. This work will be carried out over a period of several years and will result in a professional recommendation setting for changes and revisions in graduation requirements where necessary.

**Subjects Taught in the Los Angeles City elementary schools include arithmetic, reading, spelling, writing, language, civics, geography, history, science, music, art, practical arts, physical education, health, injurious effects of alcohol and narcotics, safety, fire prevention, Spanish, and morals and manners.**

Superintendent Jarvis also pointed out the Board that 50 per cent of the elementary school day is devoted to instruction in arithmetic, reading, spelling, writing, language, and civics.

"However," Jarvis said, "I wish to take this opportunity to call to the attention of the Board of Education and the citizens of this community, the fact that the great majority of the school districts of this state prescribe minimum requirements of much more comprehensive nature than is mandatory under the State law."

Minimum academic subject graduation requirements for all pupils from senior high

schools, grades 10 through 12, consist of two years of English, 1½ years of social studies, 1½ years of science, and one year of mathematics.

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